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FELON INDICTED FOR DISTRIBUTING CRACK COCAINE, POSSESSING ASSAULT RIFLE

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Mo., man was indicted by a federal grand jury today for distributing crack cocaine and being a felon in possession of a firearm.

Michael L. Dale, 31, of Kansas City, was charged in a two-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City.

Count One of the federal indictment alleges that **Dale** distributed 50 grams or more of crack cocaine between April 7 and 21, 2005.

Count Two of the federal indictment alleges that **Dale** was a felon in possession of a firearm. The indictment alleges that **Dale** possessed a Bushmaster assault rifle on April 21, 2005. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Dale** has a 1992 criminal felony conviction for possession of a controlled substance and a 1995 criminal felony conviction for narcotics trafficking.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in this indictment are simply accusations and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Kathleen D. Mahoney. It was investigated by the Kansas City Police Department.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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